

RES 10-027

Wilmington, Delaware

April 1, 2010

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Sponsors:

Council
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WHEREAS, gun-related violence is on the rise in the City of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, legislation in the General Assembly will keep housing authorities throughout the State of Delaware from enforcing housing regulations that prohibit residents from owning or possessing firearms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation, House Bill 357 (H.B. 357), will prohibit any public body from regulating firearms, unless authorized to do so by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 357 has been publicly opposed by Governor Jack Markell, who has argued that the legislation will, "put the public at significant risk if enacted"; and

WHEREAS, Wilmington residents have staged protests and spoken-out against passage of the legislation, saying that more guns in public places will only lead to more violence; and

WHEREAS, this legislation poses a serious public safety concern to residents of the City of Wilmington and to citizens of the State of Delaware, regardless of whether they live in public housing or not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City Council strongly encourages the General Assembly not to enact H.B. 357.

Passed by City Council,
April 1, 2010

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Approved as to form this 30th
day of March, 2010


City Solicitor